



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 4, 2004

H.R. 1521 **Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on
April 28, 2004*

H.R. 1521 would expand the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial to include an additional 14 acres of land, which the National Park Service (NPS) would be authorized to acquire by purchase, donation, or exchange. The act would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary to acquire and administer the new acreage.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$4.5 million to implement H.R. 1521 over the next five years. About \$1 million of that amount would be used to purchase the land within the proposed addition area over the next year or two. We expect that the NPS would spend the balance of the funds to restore four historic buildings on the newly acquired properties. Finally, we estimate that operating and maintaining the new property would cost about \$500,000 annually after acquisition and development is complete.

H.R. 1521 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On October 3, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1521 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 24, 2003. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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